

**REMARKS**

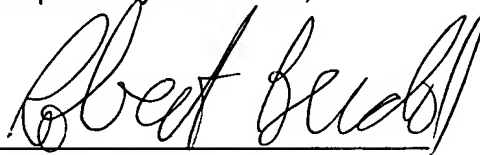
The Examiner's Action mailed on January 12, 2005, has been received and its contents carefully considered.

In this Amendment, Applicant has editorially amended claims 1, 5 and 9. For at least the following reasons, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance.

It is noted with great appreciation that the Examiner considers claims 1-13 as being allowed, and has only objected to claims 1, 5 and 9 for informalities therein. In response, claims 1, 5 and 9 have been amended to correct the informalities, specifically raised by the Examiner's Action. As such, this application is now in condition for allowance. Such action, and the passing of this case to issue are requested.

Should the Examiner feel that a conference would help to expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned counsel to arrange for such an interview.

Respectfully submitted,



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